

THE ADVANCE OF LAWTON

Discovery of the Missing American Steamer, Don Jose.

MAJOR DIGLES WOUNDED

The Minnesota Officer Commanded an Expedition Sent on to Near San Miguel—Americans Met by Volley from Intrenched Rebels—Effects of the Fusillade—Distinguished Bravery of American Soldiers in the Philippines.

Manila, May 9.—A reconnoitering party from Major General Lawton's command, which consisted of two companies of the Minnesota regiment and two companies of the Oregon regiment, under command of Major Digles, of the Minnesota regiment, advanced yesterday to a point near San Miguel, which is about twelve miles north of Batangas. There the Americans were met with a volley from a force of rebels behind a trench. Major Digles was wounded.

Major Digles was wounded in the head, and a private soldier was also wounded. Major Digles and the private, together with ten typhoid patients, were brought by mule train to Manila today.

The Don Jose, the last of the missing steamers under the American flag, which was detained by the insurgents since the beginning of the war, was found by the gunboat Manila at Batangas and arrived here today.

DISTINGUISHED BRAVERY.

Some of the Gallant Deeds of Our Soldiers in the Philippines.

Manila, April 2, via San Francisco, May 9.—Instances of personal bravery have been quite as numerous in the American war in the Philippines as during the Cuban campaign, but the correspondents have not had the same opportunity to chronicle them, because of the difficulties of the country penetrated.

One soldier, who has well illustrated the quantity of the American, is Captain Charles Clay, of the Seventeenth Infantry. Captain Clay is a native of Lexington, Ky., and a grandson of Henry Clay. He brought new honor to the family name in Cuba, where, during the hottest action of the Santiago field, when his men were being held back for a shelter from a shower of bullets, he bravely marched back and forth in front of the company as dead and cool as though on dress parade, nor would he yield to the appeals of the men that he find shelter.

"The captain has been forgotten for a moment that he was a Clay," one of them exclaimed.

When Captain Hale was assigned to a brigade in the Philippines he appointed Captain Clay to the position of adjutant. On the first day of Arthur's advance, Captain Clay, riding erect as usual, received a bullet through the neck. He lay six hours in the jungle before he was discovered, and as the wound was a dangerous one he died before he was brought to the hospital where he was lying. His only thought when brought into the hospital was that his family should be informed that he was but slightly injured. He is now, however, well on the road to complete recovery.

Among those officers who have fallen, no one will be longer or more loyally remembered by his comrades than Lieutenant Gregg, of the Fourth Infantry. No man in the army had more than he to make life worth living, friends, success in his profession, vitality and physical strength that made him the impersonation of an athlete and soldier. His fearlessness and confidence in his powers contributed to his death. In the beginning of the hot fight at Marikina, which General Hale conducted with such skill and success that it was worthy of more attention than the overshadowing importance of MacArthur's advance permitted, Gregg was near his best. He was the first to step forward and standing erect, unceasing his field glasses to look at the eyes. Just as he raised them to his eyes, a puff of smoke was seen in the trees, Gregg put his hand to his breast and fell forward, killed instantly.

FILIPINOS FOR EXHIBITION.

Contract Labor Law Raised as a Barrier to Them in California.

San Francisco, May 9.—United States Immigration Commissioner North has refused to permit the landing of ten native Filipinos who arrived a few days ago on the steamship City of Peking. The natives are under contract to exhibit in a New York city dime museum. Commissioner North takes the position, therefore, that because of the agreement to place themselves on exhibition they are contract laborers and as such are not entitled to land in this country. On the other hand the Filipinos claim that they are not contract laborers. They will probably appeal the case to Washington.

PACKERS AFTER GEN. MILES.

Urging Secretary Alger to Make an Issue with the President.

Washington, May 9.—In approving the report of the army beef court of inquiry, the president has put an end to the possibility of action against any officer criticized by the court. On the other hand, any one who may feel aggrieved is prevented from appealing for vindication either to a military tribunal or to the civil authorities.

It is within the province of congress

to inaugurate any independent inquiry may choose, and it is not at all unlikely that there will be an investigation, but that must be entirely without suggestion by any army officer.

It is quite possible that Secretary Alger might have made issue with the court by demanding the removal of General Miles from command, and friends of the beef packing interests in the west are endeavoring to induce him to take that step. They are less aggravated by the news which came from Berlin of the demonstration in the reichstag against American beef. But the administration is tired of the whole controversy, and the president desires only that the clamor on both sides should cease.

Here further agitation will stand in the way of a satisfactory arrangement with Germany, and that it will tend only to make a bad matter worse.

MCKINLEY'S REST.

Official Business Did Not Disturb Him at Hot Springs.

Hot Springs, Va., May 9.—President McKinley had a day of thorough rest and comfort at the Hotel Homestead. Official business did not intrude to disturb him, nor did any important callers crowd to seek his favor. He spent most of the day in the apartments set aside for his party, or on the wide porch upon which his windows opened. During the morning he once stroled through the corridors to the hotel office. After a nap and luncheon, he enjoyed a social chat with Secretary of the Treasury Gage, Senator Fairbanks and Mr. John C. New, of Indianapolis, and shortly afterward went out for a walk with Secretary Gage and Senator Fairbanks. As they went along the president's brisk gait and strong stride, jovial disposition and upright shoulders gave an unimpeachable denial to statements that his health is impaired, based on a necessity for a longer respite from the cares of presidential life.

The walk lasted about half an hour. The president enjoyed the walk thoroughly, and said to his companions that he felt much better for it. The president and Mrs. McKinley, Secretary and Mrs. Gage and Senator Fairbanks dined tonight in the president's private dining room.

The presidential party arrived at 8 o'clock this morning on a special train from the Chesapeake and Ohio. Assistant Secretary Cortelyou, Dr. and Mrs. Rixey and Stenographer Barnes were those who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. McKinley. The latter rested all day, keeping her room the whole day.

After dinner the president and Mrs. McKinley, accompanied by Secretary and Mrs. Gage and Senator Fairbanks, entered the parlors while the orchestra accompanied their appearance with "Hail to the Chief." They remained for some time enjoying the music. The president will begin the baths in the morning.

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STOCKHOLDERS MEET.

Delaware and Hudson Directors Establish a Sinking Fund.

New York, May 9.—Stockholders of the Delaware and Hudson Canal company at their annual meeting today, electing the following board of managers: James Roosevelt, Robert M. Olyphant, William H. Tillinghast, Alfred Vansantvoort, Alex. E. Orr, Chauncey M. Depew, James W. Alexander, James H. Taylor, Horace G. Young, John Jacob Astor, Jr., Somers Hay, Frederick Cromwell and David Wilcox. The last named takes the place of James A. Roosevelt, who died during the year.

The stockholders voted affirmatively "Hail to the Chief." They remained for some time enjoying the music. The president will begin the baths in the morning.

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KERWIN KNOCKED OUT.

"Mysterious" George Falls in Buffalo.

Buffalo, May 9.—Eddie Conolly, of St. John's, N. H., knocked out "Mysterious" George Kerwin, of Chicago, in the fourth round of what was to have been a twenty round contest before the Olympic Athletic club tonight. The fighting was fast and furious from the start. Kerwin continually running into right and left swings.

In the fourth round Conolly staggered his man with a fusillade of jab and swings and ended by sending him clear through the ropes. Kerwin's opponent pushed him back into the ring, Conolly flooring him with a left on the jaw and ending the contest.

UFFY SHOWS HIS HAND.

Will Force Men to Belong to the Miners' Union.

Haddon, May 9.—President Duffy, of the United Mine Workers of this district, today notified all miners and laborers employed in the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre coal company's workings that after May 15 members of the Mine Workers' union could not work with men who do not belong to the union. President Duffy said a general strike will be ordered if the coal company makes any interference.

MOLINEUX RE-ARRESTED.

New York, May 9.—Roland Burnham Molineux, who has spent several weeks in the Tombs prison, charged with the murder of Mrs. Kate J. Adams, was discharged this afternoon, the grand jury having failed to indict him, and was immediately after re-arrested on a warrant charging him with assault with intent to kill in sending cyanide of mercury to Harry Campbell. He was fixed at \$10,000, and the hearing was postponed until tomorrow.

NOT IN THE COMBINE.

New Haven, Conn., May 9.—Vice-President John M. Hall, of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company, today stated that his company was not interested in the proposed combination of the Vanderbilt railroad interests between Boston and Chicago. He added: "We have never the slightest credence in it."

PITTSBURG'S MURDER CASE

THE STRANGE CRIME OF BERTHA BELLSTEIN. Killed Her Mother in Order That She Might Not Be Troubled by the Disgrace of Her Daughter's Suicide. Story of a Trip to Chicago—Advice of a Spiritualist Medium.

COMBINATION OF STEEL INDUSTRIES

Rumors of an \$800,000,000 Syndicate to Control the Industry—No Foreign Company Can Compete.

Chicago, May 9.—The Tribune will say tomorrow: Representatives of two of the big corporations, which rumor has associated with the proposed \$800,000,000 dollar combination to iron and steel industries, declared today material progress had been made.

The plan, already exploited to a considerable degree, is to absorb mines, mills, railroads and factories. The representative of the iron industry said the foreign corporations giving the capital stock of each, were to be: The Carnegie company, \$250,000,000; Federal Steel company, \$100,000,000; American Steel and Wire company, \$50,000,000; National Steel company, \$50,000,000; American Tin Plate company, \$25,000,000; Republic Steel company, \$20,000,000; American Steel Hoop company, \$10,000,000.

The figures given of the Carnegie company are less than the accepted estimate of the amount invested. It is said if the great trust is formed the Carnegie concern will represent no less than \$200,000,000 of its capital. The Federal Steel company has an authorized capital of \$200,000,000, but only one-half of it will be taken, it is said.

One thing it is proposed the trust shall do, the representatives stated, is to take in the iron and steel plants of importance, which are still dependent companies. None of these is large when compared with the trusts, but they are considerable industries. The largest of them are: Jones & Laughlin Co., of Pittsburgh, capital \$10,000,000; Cambria Steel company, capital \$5,000,000; Scranton Steel company, capital \$5,000,000.

Several of the promoters assembled at the office of John W. Gates, president of the American Steel and Wire company, during the day. They said satisfactory results were not far off. Successful business, it will capture the business of European concerns, they contended, and furnish rails and steel plates for European railways and warships. No foreign company, they asserted, is big enough to be a formidable competitor.

OBJECT TO SUNDAY TRAINS.

Petitions Are Received from New Jersey by President Truesdale.

New York, May 9.—A committee of citizens and ministers living in New Jersey, and who are opposed to the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, held a conference today with President W. H. Truesdale, of that railroad. They presented to him a petition from over 2,000 commuters of the route asking that the schedule of trains be altered so as to give six Sunday trains as possible.

The petition was started by residents of the Oranges and was circulated in that town, Dover, Montclair, Bloomfield and other towns. The Oranges Saboteur union also became interested in the matter and sent out petitions from its officers in New York.

INCREASE IN WAGES.

Iron Workers and Others Are Made Happy.

Lebanon, Pa., May 9.—The Cornwall Ore Bank company today increased the wages of the men who work on the ore banks ten cents a day. This is the third advance within a short time. Upwards of 500 men are benefited and will now receive \$1.56 a day for ten hours work.

The Delaware Iron company has made an advance in wages of its employees. The furnacemen, including welders, benders and turners, will receive an advance of 30 per cent. The truck and floor men will get 15 per cent, more, while the wages of the machine hands will be increased 10 per cent. This will make wages equal to those paid in 1887.

FREE FIGHT AT OKONOLA.

As the Result of a Dispute, Four Prominent Citizens Are Dead.

Okonola, Miss., May 9.—As a result of a dispute here tonight, four men, among the most prominent citizens of the town, are dead.

Dr. William Murphy became involved in a dispute with Charles D. Clarke over a bill which Dr. Murphy claimed Clarke owed him. The dispute became heated and a fight was precipitated. Clarke drew a knife and slashed Dr. Murphy, severing the jugular vein. Howard Murphy, son of the physician, rushed to the scene of the killing and shot Clarke to death.

Walter Clarke, brother of Charles D. Clarke, and Howard Murphy then began a duel to settle the matter. Pistols were used. The men fought viciously, the end being that both were killed.

CLEVELAND OUT GUNNING.

Princeton, N. J., May 9.—Former President Cleveland left Princeton today and went to the matter, Paris, to see the world. There he took the Baltimore and Ohio railroad for the west. It is thought that he is on another gunning trip, as he went aboard by the same route last year for that purpose.

ANOTHER CHANCE FOR WIREBACK.

Harrisburg, May 9.—Wireback, the Lancaster murderer, who was respited today, will be the subject of further inquiry as to his mental condition, and Preston, the Chester county murderer, will have another chance before the board of pardons on an application for release.

GENERAL HENRY RETIRES.

San Juan, Porto Rico, May 9.—Major General Guy V. Henry, the retiring governor general of Porto Rico, left for the United States today on board the United States transport McPherson. His departure was attended with lively and affecting demonstrations. All the military and civil officials of San Juan, representatives of the principal societies, hundreds of public school children, large crowds of citizens, together with delegations from the surrounding towns, thronged the quay, where several hands played and numerous say and brilliant decorations lent animation to the scene.

General Henry and Mrs. Henry were presented with a portrait of the former and received many other gifts and testimonials of affection. He was visibly affected by the tokens of good will. Brigadier General George W. Davis, the new governor of Porto Rico, and his entire staff were present.

The McPherson left the harbor amid the booming of guns, the women on shore waving their handkerchiefs and in not a few cases shedding tears of emotion. General Henry's daughter, Mrs. Benton, Major Traub and Mrs. Traub, Lieutenant Ward of the transport Panther, and the members of his family with Mr. Robinson, postal inspector, and many officers accompany the party.

KNIGHT'S HELD TWO SESSIONS

Beginning of the Convention of the Grand Commandery.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

During the Afternoon the Degree Was Conferred Upon Ninety-two Past Commanders—Presentation to the Grand Commander of a Handsome Ebony Gavel Block—Degree Conferred in the Evening by the Degree Team of Anthracite Commandery—Parade This Afternoon and Tournay in the Lyceum in the Evening.

The first sessions of the convocation of the grand commandery of the Knights of Malta were held yesterday and they will be continued today. This afternoon the parade will be held and the event of tonight will be the tourney in the Lyceum. Quietly and systematically the grand officers and representatives yesterday began the business which will come before them while assembled in seventh annual convocation. The commandery was convoked at 10 o'clock yesterday morning with Grand Commander Sir John Gowlan in the occasional chair. As stated in yesterday's Tribune, all the grand officers, with the exception of Sir John Gowlan, are also members of the grand commandery of Pennsylvania, Ancient and Illustrous Order Knights of Malta.

The officers, representatives and companions of the Grand commandery of Pennsylvania, Ancient and Illustrous Order Knights of Malta, assembled in this beautiful city as members of the Grand commandery of Pennsylvania, to take part in the deliberations of this seventh annual convocation, and endeavor to contribute, by our careful, thoughtful and wise determination of many and important questions which shall come before us. Amidst all the rivalries and activities of life, and the difficulties we have encountered and dealt with, the successes accomplished and defeats suffered, we have completed the history of another year for our noble order. Obedient to law and custom, it is my duty, as well as my pleasure, to review as concisely as possible the records of the past year up to April 23, 1899.

The past year has been remarkable for the harmony, fraternal feeling and good fellowship that existed among the Sir Knights to such a degree that I am happy to be able to state we come together at this time with our thoughts centered upon the idea, how can we best legislate for the best interest and welfare of the Ancient and Illustrous Order we have the honor to represent, and with noble and lofty purposes to perform the many duties that may be imposed upon us? When war was declared with Spain and the president called for volunteers, it is with pride and pleasure I announce that the Keystone state responded to the call with that spirit of patriotism, heroism and devotion that are characteristic of the teachings of our noble order.

"They went forth determined to avenge the insult to the nation of the many lives that were sacrificed by the blowing up of the Maine, and that the honor of our flag must be maintained. And ere peace was declared they banished forever from the American continent a form of government which has always been a menace to liberty, free institutions and the pursuit of happiness. As a slight expression of our appreciation of the many heroic Sir Knights who went forth in defense of our nation's honor, and those who sacrificed their lives, I would recommend that a suitable memorial be prepared and published with the records of this convocation.

"Herewith is respectfully submitted for your enlightenment an account of some of the errors have been committed, companions wronged or friends maligned, the same were errors of judgment rather than intentional wrong."

Following is the gist of the statistics:

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: FAIR, WARMER.

ALL IS QUIET IN SAMOA

The Suspension of Hostilities continues Unbroken.

REBELS LEAVE THE PORT

Arrival of the Joint Commission Awaited—Searching for Lead to Prevent Rebels Casting Bullets. Dr. Self Returns—A British Planter's Experience as a Captive of the Rebels.

TESTIMONIAL FOR ADMIRAL DEWEY

He Will Be the Recipient of Many Honors on His Return Home—Autograph Letters.

Washington, May 9.—Admiral Dewey upon his return to the United States is to be presented with a number of testimonials in the shape of autograph letters from nearly every member of President McKinley's cabinet, governors and states and prominent United States senators.

The secretary of the treasury says in his written opinion of Dewey that he regards him as one of a galaxy of men who have made the American name honorable and illustrious; the secretary of state writes that an artificial commemoration of his victory will be the recipient of many honors on his return home, this testimonial will be the first written evidence extended to him of the very widespread sentiment of admiration and gratitude on the part of Americans for the valor of Manila.

The British third-class cruiser Royalist has sailed for England by way of Sydney.

The country is being scoured by British and American soldiers in search for lead from which the natives might make bullets. A British planter who had been a prisoner in the hands of the rebels for six weeks has arrived at Apia. His experiences during his captivity were frightful, and many times he was threatened with being general. He was threatened with being general. He was threatened with being general.

ARMY OFFICERS NEEDED.

Not Enough Available for Service in Cuba.

Havana, May 9.—Army officers in Cuba are complaining that their duties have become ever-increasing on account of the insufficient number of commissioned officers who are available for service throughout the island. A case in point is that of the Eighth United States infantry regiment, from which half the officers are also serving as recruits, and require constant drilling. The officers, it is alleged, are, under the circumstances, practically drill sergeants. Some complain that they are so hard-worked that they cannot even find time to enjoy their meals.

Walter A. Donaldson, assistant collector of customs here, is about to return to the United States on a two months' leave. He has been instructed to go to Washington to confer with the treasury of his there regarding customs affairs. Mr. Donaldson has been continuous on the island since July of last year. He was the first American collector of customs at Santiago de Cuba.

DECISION FOR ERNE.

Very Lively Fight at the Lenox Athletic Club.

New York, May 9.—There was a large crowd tonight at the Lenox Athletic club to witness the twenty-round encounter between Frank Erne, the Buffalo lightweight, and George McFadden, of New York, who recently lowered the colors of Joe Gans, the clever Baltimore man. The men weighed in at 134 pounds. Erne was the favorite in the betting at 100 to 70.

In the twenty-fifth and last round, McFadden fought desperately, poking his right to the ear and blocking Erne's right of the wind. It was given and taken to the end of the round, when the referee decided the bout on points and gave the contest to Erne.

MASS MEETING FOR NEGROES.

Easton, Pa., May 9.—A mass meeting of the students of five college was held today, at which John H. Rowell, of Philadelphia, and Charles H. Brown, of Jersey City, were elected manager and assistant manager, respectively, of next year's baseball team. Charles F. Old, of Dubuque, Iowa, was elected manager of the '99 foot ball team, vice Norman J. Bruhn, resigned. W. F. Whitman, of Philadelphia, J. P. Pardee, of Hazleton, and W. H. Hulick, of Easton, were elected members of the advisory board of athletics.

RESPIES GRANTED.

Harrisburg, May 9.—Governor Stone has granted respites until June 7 for Ralph Wireback, of Lancaster county, and James Preston, of Chester county, two murderers who were to have been executed next week. Wireback murdered his landlord, David B. Landis, who was endeavoring to have Wireback ejected from the house. Preston murdered his wife.

APHYZIATED BY GAS.

Philadelphia, May 9.—John Binz, aged 22 years, and his wife, Henrietta, aged 21, were asphyxiated by illuminating gas as they slept last night. They were found dead in bed this morning with the gas issuing from the burner. The couple were married only recently, and their death is supposed to have been accidental.

MOROCCO AFFAIR SETTLED.

Tanger, Morocco, May 9.—The claims of the United States against the government of Morocco has been settled. The United States cruiser Chicago sailed from the port today to resume her voyage around Africa.

TRIPPED ON THE TRACKS.

Harrisburg, May 9.—Mary Bisker, aged five years, was knocked down by a shifting engine near her home on Mulberry street today and one leg was terribly crushed, making amputation at the thigh necessary. The child tripped as she ran across the tracks.

WILL RECEIVE DEWEY.

New York, May 9.—At a meeting of the board of aldermen today an enthusiastic resolution calling for an official reception to Admiral Dewey upon his arrival in this city was adopted unanimously.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 9.—Forecast for Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair Wednesday, probably showers Thursday; variable winds, shifting to southerly.

Illustration of a man in a suit, possibly a portrait of a notable figure mentioned in the text.